Chapter 19

dum Scintilla et Horatia Venusiae anxiae manent, Quintus paterque iam novem dies Romam contenderant; montes et flumina transierant; iter difficile fuerat et laboriosum. tandem Roma non longê aberant. Quintus valde fessus erat, sed pater 'noli desperare, fili' inquit, 'iter paene confectum est. Roma non longe absumus.' Postridie moenia urbis conspexerunt et festinaverunt ad portas.

nox iam venerat cum urbem intraverunt. parvam cauponam invenerunt; cenaverunt et post cenam continuo dormiverunt. prima luce Flaccus Quintum excitavit et 'veni, Quinte,' inquit; 'debemus ludum Orbilii quaerere.' lente procedebant per vias urbis.

tandem in Via Sacra ambulabant et mox ad forum venerant. nec Quintus nec pater umquam viderant aedificia tam magnifica. diu stabant attoniti; deinde omnia spectabant. hîc erat templum Vestae, ubi Virgines Vestales ignem perpetuum curabant; illic erat Basilica Aemilia, ubi magistratûs ius dicebant; hîc erant rostra, ubi magistratûs orationes ad populum habebant. illic steterat curia; iam ruinis iacebat, in tumultu ambusta. a fronte erat mons Capitolinus, ubi stabat ingens templum Iovis.

omnia diu spectaverant, cum Flaccus 'veni, fili' inquit, 'Romae diu manebimus. omnia haec saepe videbis.' a foro discesserunt collemque ascenderunt; mox ad ludum Orbilii advenerant. extra ianuam ludi steterunt. pueros audire poterant recitantes et Orbilium eos corrigentem; non tamen intraverunt. Flaccus 'veni, Quinte,' inquit; 'domicilium debemus invenire et nova vestimenta emere.'

Quintus paterque e media urbe discesserunt et procedebant ad Suburam, ubi pauperes habitabant. ibi nullae erant aedes magnae sed altae insulae, in quibus habitabant multae familiae. viae sordidae erant et artae. multi homines huc illuc currebant; ubique clamor et tumultus. mox ad vestiarium venerunt; Flaccus Quinto togam praetextam et tunicam candidam emit; Quintus, qui vestimenta tam splendida numquam habuerat, patri gratias egit. deinde in Suburam processerunt et domicilium quaerebant.

Glossary

Venusiae: "at Venusia"
contenderant: "had marched"
transierant: "had crossed"
fuerat: "had been"

Roma: "from Rome"

venerat: "had come"

venerant: "(they) had come"
viderant: "had seen"
omnia: "everything [all things]"

Basilica Aemilia: a building in the Roman Forum
ius dicebant: "dispensed justice"
rostra: the speaker's platfrom in the Forum
steterant: "had stood"
ruinus: "in ruins"
in tumultû: "in a riot"

omnia haec: "all these things"

advenerant: "had arrived"
recitantes: "reciting" (agreeing with *pueros*)
corrigentem: "correcting" (agreeing with *Orbilium*)

Suburam: a poor, crowded neighborhood of Rome
insulae: "apartment"
in quibus: "in which"

praetextam: "purple-bordered"

habuerat: "had had"
gratias egit: "he thanked [he gave thanks]"

Vocabulary	Vocabulary
absum, abesse, afui - *to be far off, to be away*	invenio, invenire, inveni - *to discover, find*
aedes, aedium, f. pl. - *house(s)*	love, lovis, m. - Jove (Jupiter)
aedificium, -i, n. - *building*	iter, itineris, n. - *journey*
altus, -a, -um - *tall, high*	laboriosus, -a, -um - *laborious, exhausting*
ambustus, -a, -um - *burnt*	longê - *far off*
anxius, -a, -um - *anxious, nervous*	ludus, -i, m. - *school*
artus, -a, -um - narrow	lux, lucis, f. - *light*
ascendo, ascendere, ascendi - *to climb*	magistratus, -ûs, m. - *magistrate, gov't official*
attonitus, -a, -um - *astonished*	magnificus, -a, -um - *magnificent, amazing*
candidus, -a, -um - *white*	maneo, manêre, mansi - *to wait, remain, stay*
caupona, -ae, f. - *inn, tavern*	medius, -a, -um - *middle (of)*
ceno, cenare, cenavi - *to dine, eat*	moenia, -orum, n. pl. - *walls*
clamor, clamoris, m. - *noise, shouting*	mons, montis, m. - *mountain*
collis, -is, -e - *hill*	nec...nec... - *neither...nor...*
confectus, -a, -um - *finished, complete*	novem - *nine*
conspicio, conspicere, conspexi - *to catch sight of*	novus, -a, -um - *new*
contendo, contendere, contendi - *to march, go*	nullus, -a, -um - *no, none*
continuo - *immediately*	oratio, orationis, f. - *speech*
cum - *when, with + ablative*	paene - *nearly*
curia, -ae, f. - *Senate House*	pauper, pauperis, m. - *poor person, pauper*
curo, curare, curavi - *to care for, to tend*	perpetuus, -a, -um - *perpetual, endless*
curro, currere, cucurri - *to run*	porta, -ae ,f. - *gate*
dies, -ei, m. - *day*	postridie - *the next day*
difficilis, -e - *difficult*	primus, -a, -um - *first*
discedo, discedere, discessi - *to leave*	procedo, procedere, processi - *to procede*
domicilium, -i, n. - *lodging, place to stay*	quaero, quaerere, quaesivi - *to look for*
dum - *while*	sordidus, -a, -um - *dirty, filthy*
emo, emere, emi - *to buy, obtain*	sto, stare, steti - *to stand*
excito, excitare, excitavi - *to awaken, wake up*	tam - *so*
extra - *outside + accusative*	templum, -i, n. - *temple*
fessus, -a, -um - *tired*	transeo, transire, transi(v)i - *to go across, to cross*
festino, festinare, festinavi - *to hurry*	tumultus, -ûs, m. - *crowd*
flumen, fluminis, n. - *river*	tunica, -ae, f. - *tunic*
forum, -i, n. - *forum, city center*	ubique - *everywhere*
frons, frontis, m. - *front, forehead*	urbs, urbis, f. - *city*
hîc - *here*	Vesta, -ae, f. - *Vesta (Goddess of the hearth)*
iaceo, iacêre, iacui - *to lie*	vestiarium, -i, n. - *clothes shop*
ianua, -ae, f. - *door*	vestimenta, -orum, n. pl. - *clothing, clothes*
ignis, ignis, m. - *fire*	via, -ae ,f. - *street, road*
illic - *there*	
ingens, ingentis - *huge*	

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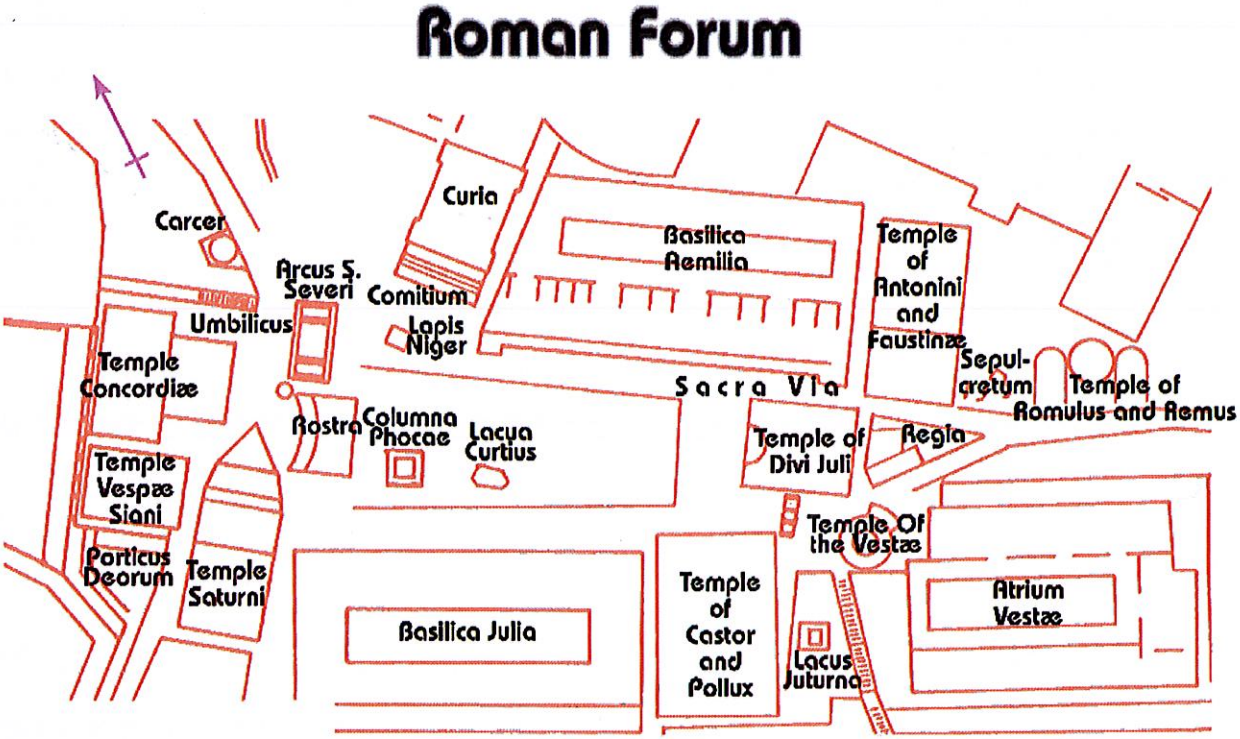
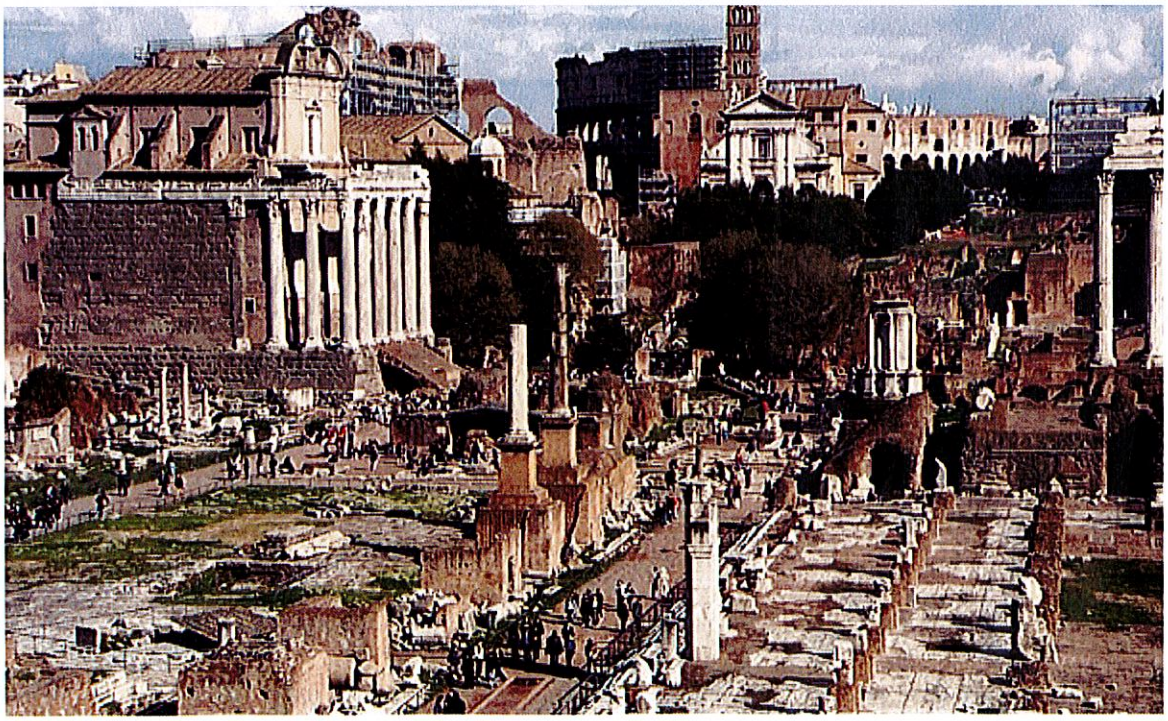
Buildings and Locations

The Roman Forum

Aerial layout of the Roman Forum, when Quintus arrives in Rome.

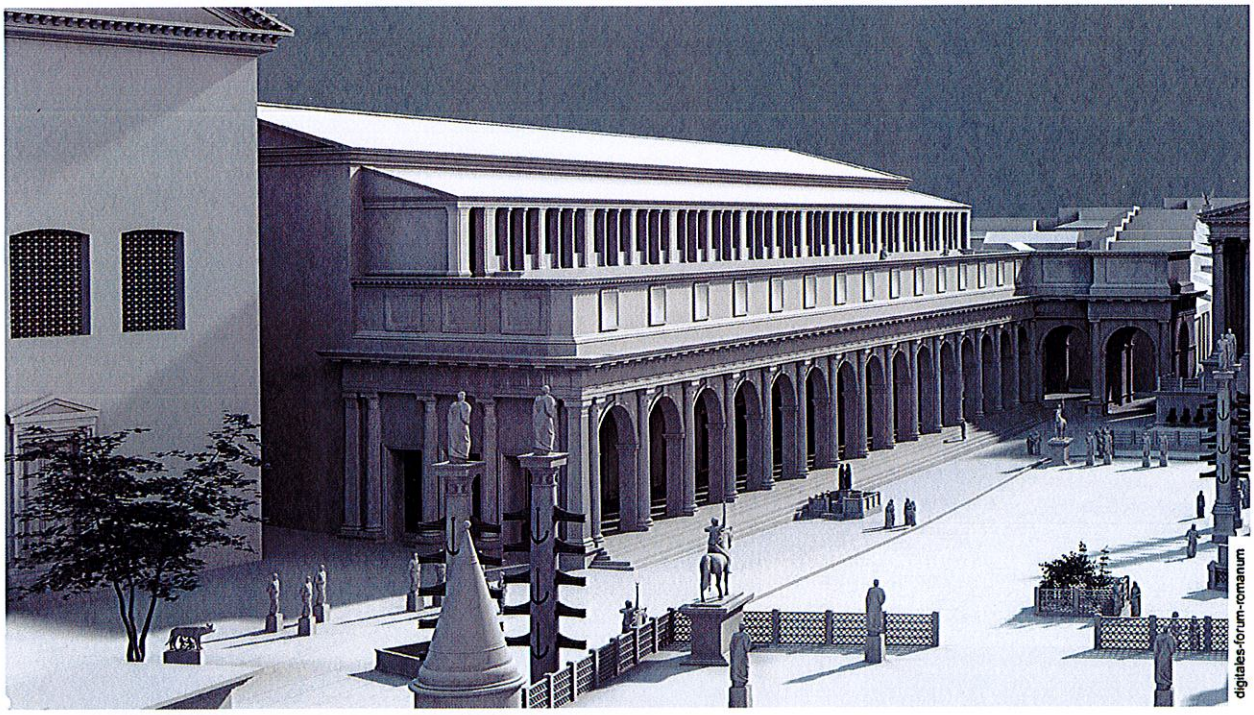


An image of the current state of the Forum today.



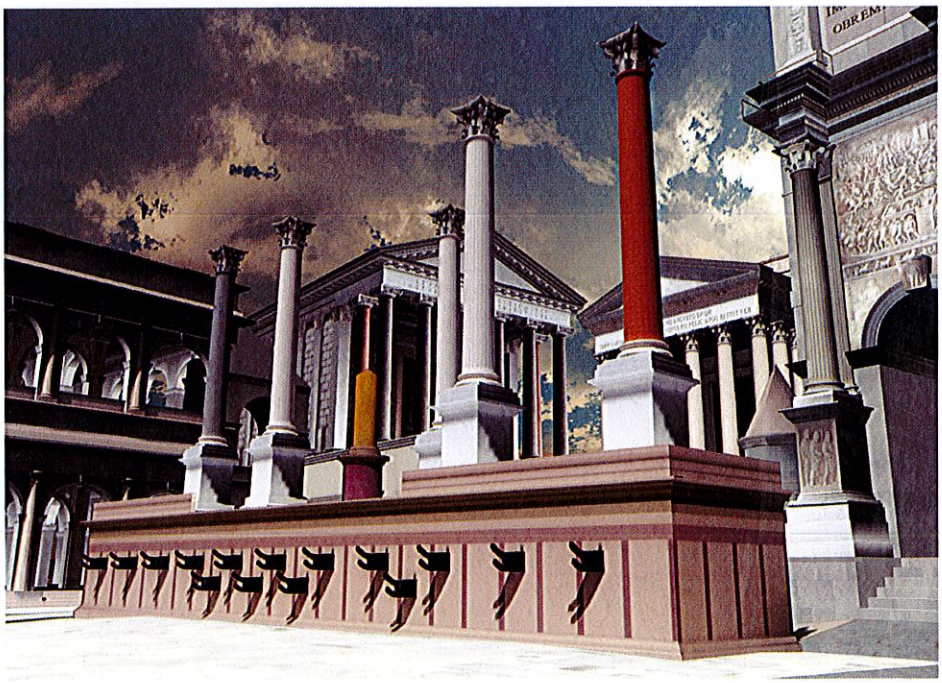
Buildings of the Roman Forum

1. Basilica Aemilia
A Reconstruction of the Basilica Aemilia



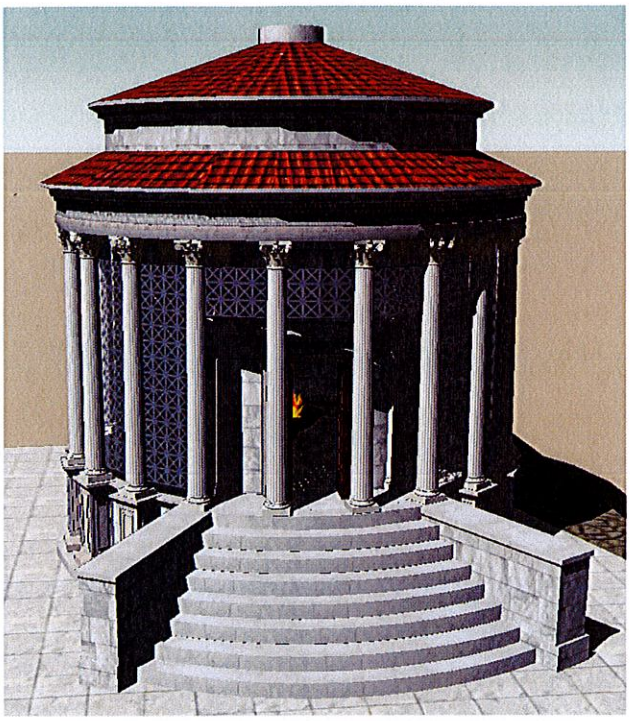
Used mostly for business transactions, business meetings, important declarations of city affairs, and the law courts.

2. Rostra
A Reconstruction of the Rostra. Used as a speaker's platform for politicians, generals, and others.



3. Templum Vestae

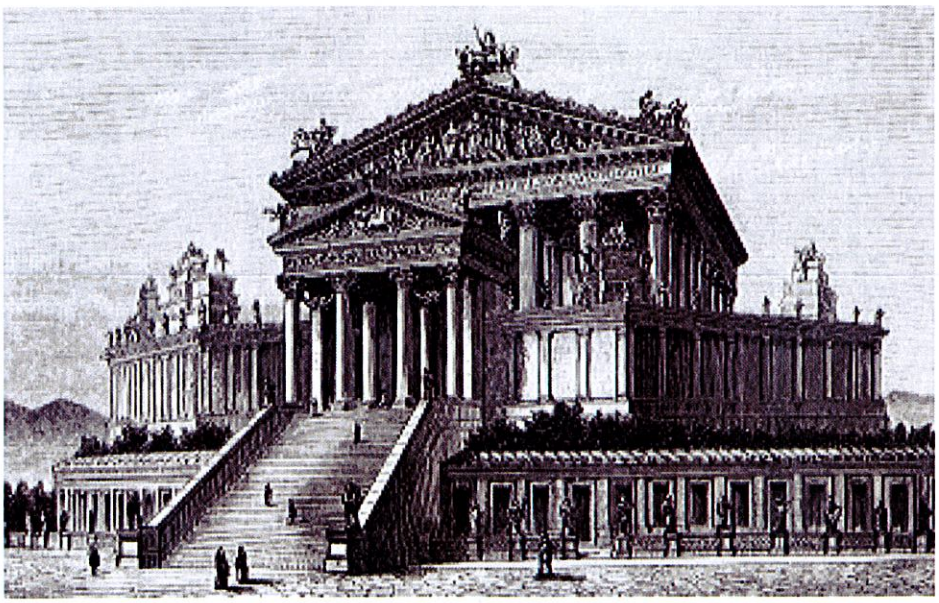
A reconstruction (left) and the remains (right) of the temple of Vesta.



The temple held the sacred flame of Rome, which the Vestal Virgins would tend and maintain.

4. Templum Iovis Optimi Maximi

A drawing of the temple of Jupiter the Greatest and Best, a massive temple on the Capitoline hill in Rome.



5. Curia

This image shows the most recent form of the Curia, the Curia Julia. This was the meeting house for the Senate.